

R E M A R K S

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his thoughtful examination of the Application, and his helpful suggestions. Applicants have taken most of the suggestions in the Office Action, and have amended the Application accordingly. Applicants provide below discussion of the suggestions in the Office Action with which they have declined to comply, along with explanation.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action

Paragraphs 1 and 2 object to the drawings. Corrected drawings are submitted herewith, along with a separate letter to the Chief Draftsman. The Application has been amended to reflect the renumbered figures.

Paragraphs 3-6 of the Office Action**Claim 5**

The Office Action rejects Claim 5 for indefiniteness under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The Office Action indicates that “Claim 5 appears to be inconsistent with claim 1, because claim 1 call[s] for only one lens, whereas claim 5 calls for two lenses.” Office Action, page 2, lines 11-13.

Applicants respectfully disagree. The claims are not inconsistent: Claim 1 defines a more general case, with a lens carrier “including a lens”. Claim 5 defines the case where two lenses are included. Claim 1 nowhere limits the number of lenses to exactly one lens; in any event, Claim 5 modifies Claim 1. Applicants respectfully suggest that there is no inconsistency in a carrier “including a lens” including more than one lens; the limitation is met.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully point out that the specification at page 8, lines 17-21, and accompanying Figure 5, describe the lens carrier as including two lenses. In sum, Applicants respectfully suggest that the limitations of Claim 5 are not inconsistent with Claim 1, and that they are fully supported by the Application. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claim 5 is in allowable condition as it stands.

Claims 6-12

Applicants have amended Claim 6 to correct the faulty antecedent basis noted in the Office Action. Amending Claim 6 according to suggestion implicitly amends dependent Claims 7-12, thus removing the basis for rejection. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 6-12 are in condition for allowance.

Paragraph 7 of the Office Action

Paragraph 7 suggests improvements to Claims 2, 7, and 14. Claims 2, 7, and 14 have been amended in accordance with the suggestions in the Office Action.

Paragraph 8 of the Office Action

Paragraph 8 of the Office Action suggests improvements to Claims 3 and 15. Claims 3 and 15 have been amended in accordance with the suggestions in the Office Action.

Paragraph 9 of the Office Action

Paragraph 9 of the Office Action suggests improvements to Claim 8. Claim 8 has been

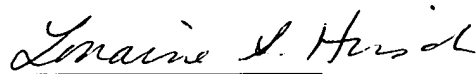
amended in accordance with the suggestions in the Office Action.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that all rejections and objections have been overcome. Therefore, it is submitted that all of the claims are allowable over the art of record and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to allowance.

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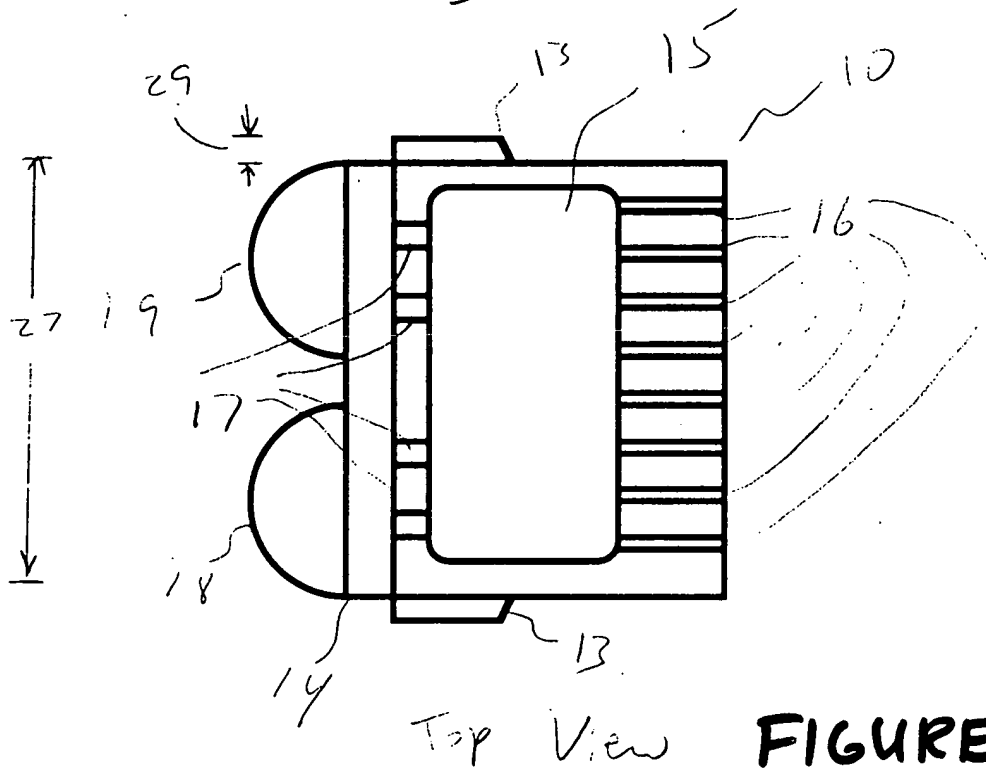
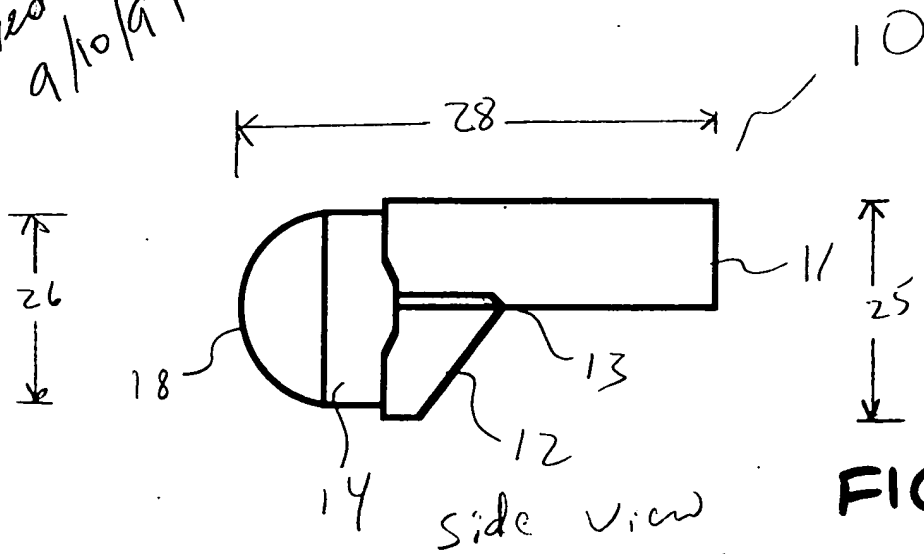
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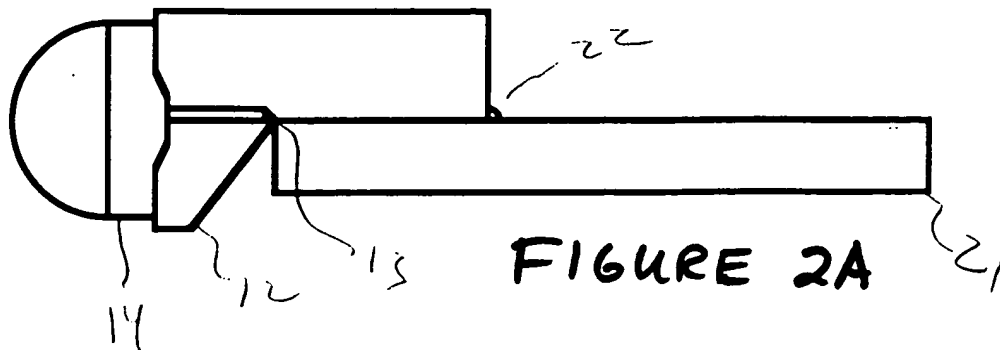


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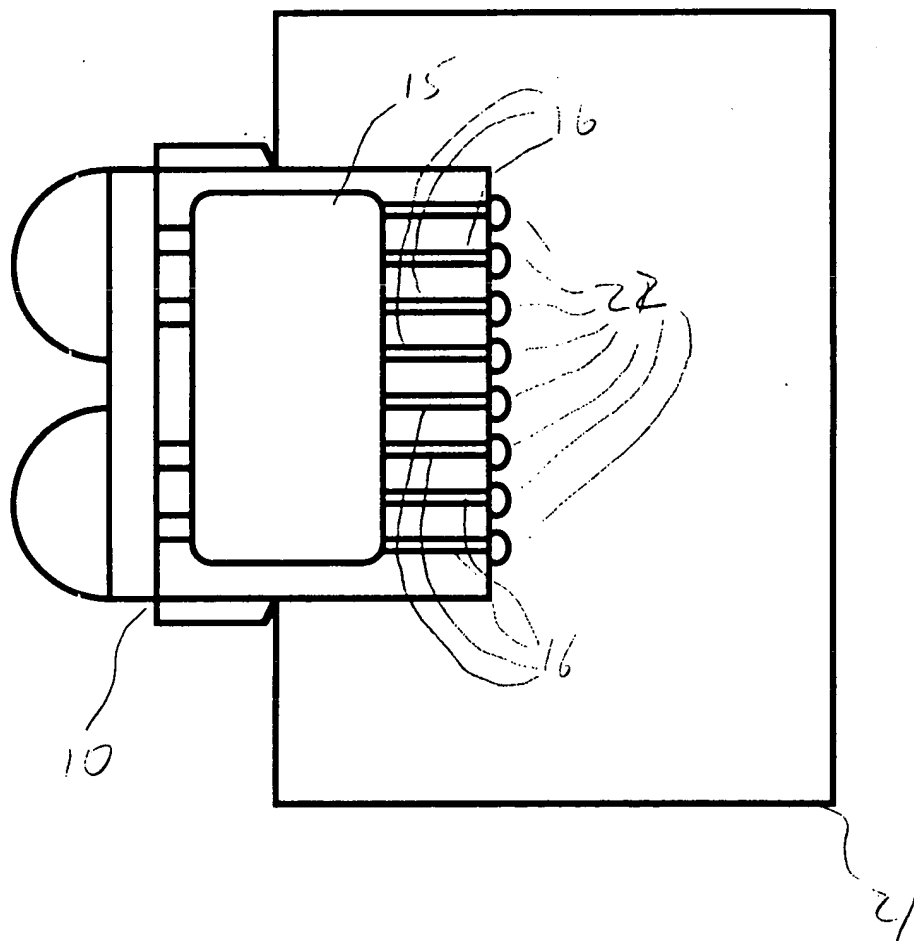


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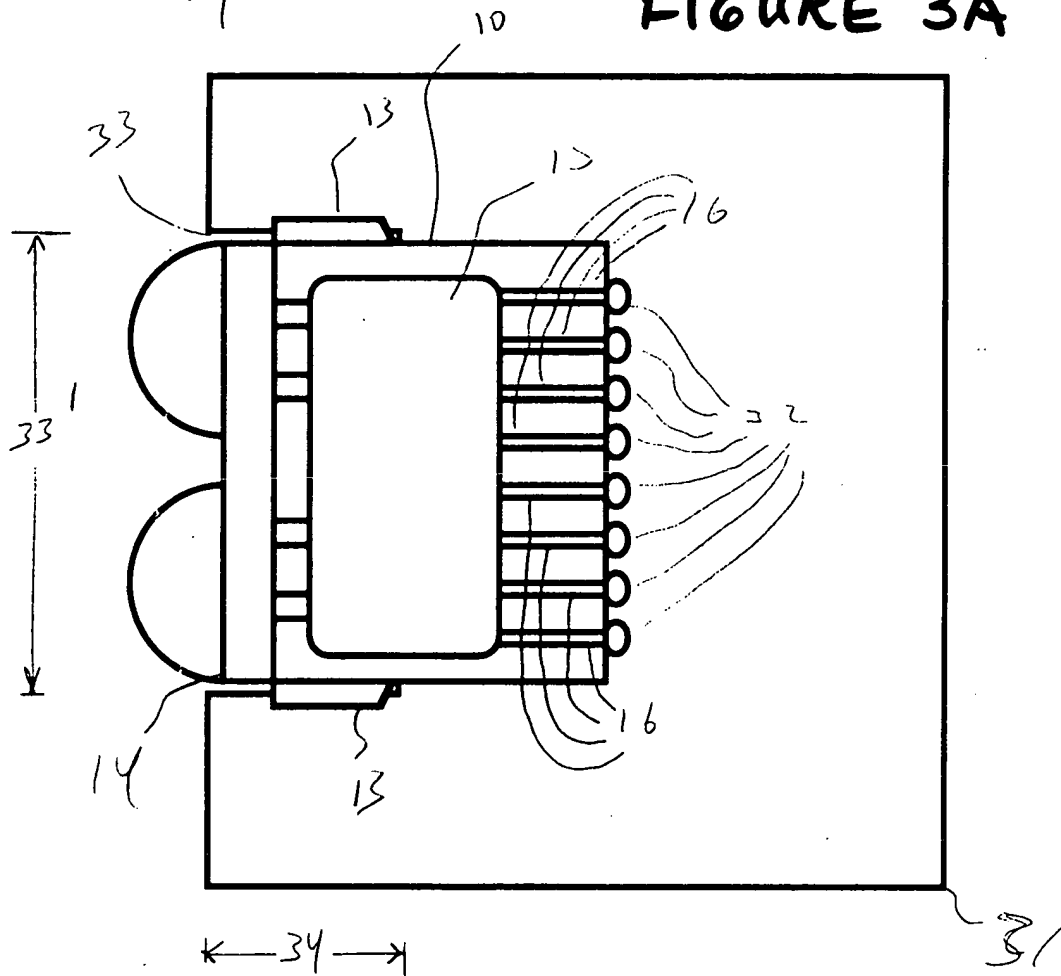
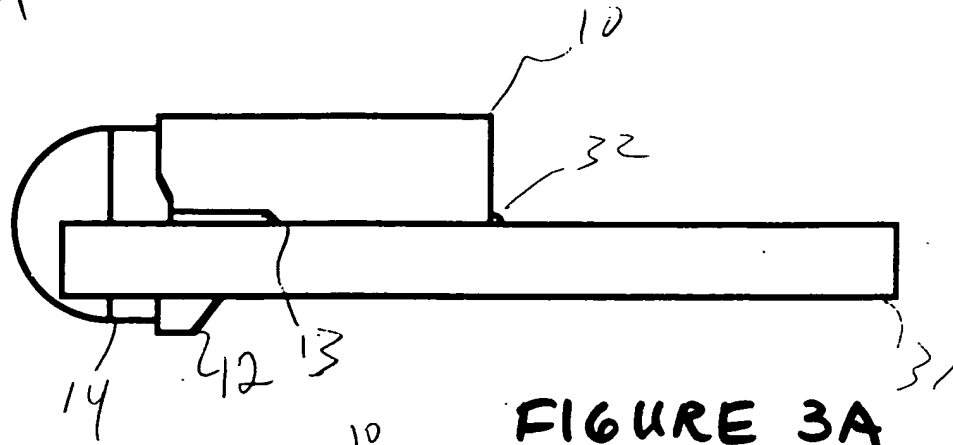
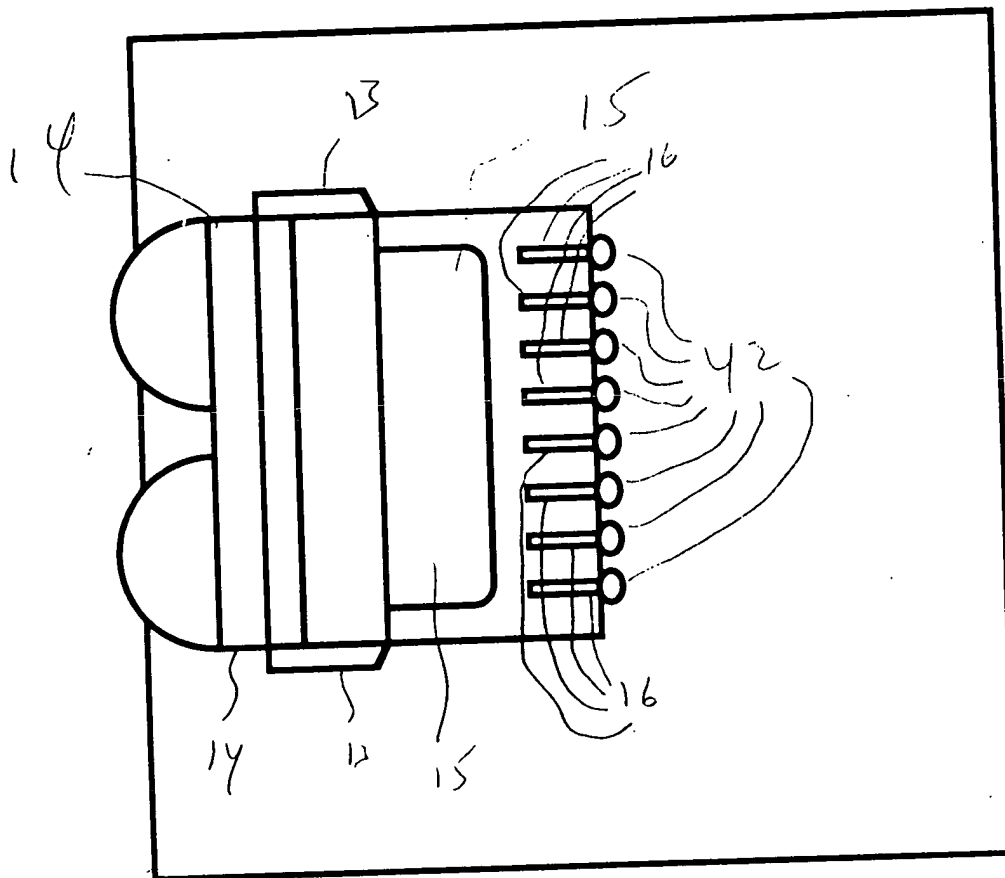


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